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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
9 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

10 NADINE HAYS,

11 Plaintiff,

12 vs.

13 LOS ANGELES POLICE  
14 DEPARTMENT (LAPD), LOS  
15 ANGELES BOARD OF POLICE  
16 COMMISSIONERS, BANK OF  
17 AMERICA, AND THE  
18 FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS, ALL  
19 BEING SUED AS INDIVIDUALS  
20 AND IN THEIR PROFESSIONAL  
21 CAPACITY; OFFICER NAVARRO,  
22 #31587, OFFICER ESCHAVARRIA,  
23 #34633, OFFICER PRUDE, #34814,  
24 OFFICER GUMP, #33303, OFFICER  
25 FOWLER, OFFICER CORONADO,  
OFFICER BIRCH, OFFICER  
VERGARA, CAPTAIN  
RODRIQUEZ, OFFICER  
MONTGOMERY, OFFICER  
GILLEM, OFFICER DOMINGUEZ,  
#39968, CAPTAIN HORACE  
FRANK, DETECTIVE BRAUSAM,  
DETECTIVE MACIAS,  
DETECTIVE DELGADO, CAPTAIN  
DON SCHWARTZER, DETECTIVE  
DE LA COVA, ALEX VARGAS,  
ROBERT TAYLOR, #3866 and  
DOES 1-30,

26 Defendants.

1 } CASE NO.: **CV12-10219 DMG (PJW)**  
2 } Judge: **Hon. Dolly M. Gee, Ctrm. 7**  
3 } Magistrate: **Hon. Patrick J. Walsh, Ctrm.**  
4 } **23**

5 } **DEFENDANTS' REPLY TO**  
6 } **PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION OF THE**  
7 } **MOTION TO PRECLUDE EVIDENCE**  
8 } **OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS, PTSD OR**  
9 } **DAMAGES AND THEIR REQUEST**  
10 } **FOR SANCTIONS AGAINST**  
11 } **PLAINTIFF; DECLARATION OF**  
12 } **ELIAZBETH L. GREENWOOD;**  
13 } **EXHIBITS**

14 Date: April 10, 2015  
15 Time: 11:00 a.m.  
16 Place: 23

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1 **TO ALL PARTIES AND TO THEIR COUNSEL OF RECORD THEREIN:**

2 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Defendants Los Angeles Police Department,  
3 Michael Brausam, Ronald Crump, Jason De La Cova, Derrick Dominguez, Pete  
4 Echavarria, Horace Frank, Larry Guillen, Kevin Montgomery, Javier Navarro, Derrick  
5 Prude, Jorge Rodriguez, Donald Schwartzer, Alex Vargas, and Andrew Vergara Jr.  
6 (hereinafter "City Defendants") submit Memorandum of Points and Authorities in reply  
7 to Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendants' Motion for an Order precluding Plaintiff  
8 NADINE HAYS from evidence of any emotional distress, Post-Traumatic Stress  
9 Disorder ("PTSD") or emotional distress damages at trial and seek sanctions against  
10 Plaintiff for her failure to comply with this Court's Order, to provide supplementary  
11 discovery responses as required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure, Rule 26(e) and for  
12 appropriate sanctions.

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14 DATED: March 24, 2015

15 Respectfully submitted,  
16 **MICHAEL N. FEUER**, City Attorney  
17 **THOMAS H. PETERS**, Chief Assistant City Attorney  
18 **CORY M. BRENT**, Supv. Assistant City Attorney

19 By: *S/Elizabeth Greenwood*  
20 **ELIZABETH GREENWOOD**, Deputy City Attorney  
21 Attorneys for City Defendants

# MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

**I. Plaintiff's opposition is based on neither facts nor law; she bases her opposition entirely on her personal dislike of counsel for the City Defendants.**

Plaintiff has brought a law suit seeking damages from the City of Los Angeles, it's Departments and employees alleging, *inter alia*, they violated her constitutional rights over the course of several months. In that suit she claimed damages for emotional distress as well as other mental health issues.

Throughout this litigation Plaintiff has repeatedly refused to fully cooperate in the discovery process. On October 31, 2013, City Defendants properly served Plaintiff Nadine Hays with Interrogatories (Set One). Motion 1; 6-8. Plaintiff without objection finally supplied untimely answers to those Interrogatories January 13, 2014, which included the names and contact information of her treating physicians. *Id.*

Plaintiff has stated she is seeing a new Psychiatrist that she intends on using as a witness at trial and refuses to disclose his or her name. Motion 1; 11-17. On February 26, 2015, the City Defendants sent Plaintiff an letter informing her of her duty to supplement disclosures and responses pursuant to Fed. R. Civ Pro., Rule 26(e). Motion 1; 18-22. Plaintiff again refused, instead becoming hostile and sarcastic. *Id.* Concerned about preparing their case, Defendants' setting a date and time for a meet and confer on the matter informing Plaintiff of their intent to file a motion to compel the information. *Id.* Plaintiff emailed the next day refusing to attend a meet and confer. *Id.*

On February 27, 2015, City Defendants drafted a Joint Stipulation and sent it via email and USPS to Plaintiff. Motion 1; 23-26. Plaintiff replied that she would not cooperate and threatened City Defendants with a sanctions motion if they interrupted her again. *Id.*

In her opposition to the instant motion Plaintiff again failed to justify her conduct in refusing to participate in discovery, refusing to supplement her response to the Interrogatory, refusing to participate in the meet and confer process on the issue, and

1 finally refusing to draft the Plaintiff's portion and to sign the joint stipulation. She  
2 merely attacks defense counsel for the City Defendants.

3 Because of Plaintiff's persistent refusal to cooperate, her inability to find any  
4 statutory reason for that refusal, and the damage this has and continues to cause the  
5 Defendants over the last three years, this Court should issue an order preclude evidence  
6 of any emotional distress, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder ("PTSD") or emotional  
7 distress damages at trial. In addition, Plaintiff should be required to pay reasonable costs  
8 and fees incurred by the defense in filing this motion to compel and in the Defendant's  
9 previous motion to compel.

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11 **II. PLAINTIFF CLAIMS COUNSEL FAILED TO BE CONSIDERATE IN**  
12 **SCHEDULING**

13 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure, Rule 37, details the process of compelling a party  
14 to answer discovery. Local Rule 37-1 to 37-1 detail that process in the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit.  
15 Working within those rules, Defendants' set a date and time for the pre-filing conference  
16 of counsel. Decl Greenwood ¶ 2. Defendants gave Plaintiff three separate times they  
17 were available. In her opposition, Plaintiff claims Defendants refused to cooperate with  
18 her on setting a meet and confer. Opposition page 2, lines 7-17. That is a blatantly false  
19 statement one can only assume is designed to mislead the Court. On February 27, 2015,  
20 the day following the meet and confer letter, Plaintiff sent an email containing one  
21 sentence, "I cannot make your meet and confer meeting." *Id.*

22 Following Local Rule 37-2.1, upon Plaintiff's refusal to meet and confer regarding  
23 her failure to disclose her treating Physician's name, defense counsel drafted the  
24 Defendants' portion of the Joint Stipulation. Upon completion, on February 27, 2015,  
25 Defendants' properly served Plaintiff and sent her a courtesy copy via email. Decl  
26 Greenwood ¶ 3. Instead of simply complying with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure,  
27 Rule 26, and supplementing her previous answer, or Local Rules 37-1 by meeting and  
28 conferring about discovery, or Local Rule 37-2.1 by adding Plaintiff's portion to the

1 Joint Stipulation, Plaintiff instead sent an email telling me that she, "ha[s] too many  
2 things on my plate right now than to deal with your games." She further told me, "Your  
3 e-mails to me are meant to distract, take up my time, and are unnecessary. If you do this  
4 one more time I will make a motion for sanctions once again."

5 As Defendants try to prepare for trial, the Plaintiff outright refuses to cooperate.  
6 She refuses to turn over a Physician she plans to call as a witness as required by Fed. R.  
7 Civ.Pro., Rule 26(e). She refuses to meet and confer as required by Fed. R.Civ. Pro.,  
8 Local Rule 37-1. She refuses to draft the Plaintiff's portion of the Joint Stipulation as  
9 required by Fed. R.Civ. Pro., Local Rule 37-2.1. Finally, after forcing the Defendants to  
10 file the instant motion, Plaintiff files an opposition lying to the Court claiming it is the  
11 Defendants who refuse to cooperate.

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13 **III. PLAINTIFF CLAIMS SHE NO LONGER TRUSTS COUNSEL**

14 In her opposition Plaintiff admits she has not turn over her treating Psychiatrist's  
15 name (Opposition 2; 21-22) but does not provide any supporting authority for that  
16 refusal. Also without authority, Plaintiff then goes on the attack and asks the Court to  
17 prohibit Defendants from knowing the witness names before trial. Opposition page 3,  
18 line 20- page 4, line 2. It is notable that Plaintiff cited Rule 26 (c) as her authority, but  
19 failed to meet and confer, or even file a motion over the issue.

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21 **IV. PLAINTIFF CLAIMS THE DISCOVERY MOTION IS FRIVOLOUS**

22 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure, Rule 26(e) entitled Supplementing Disclosures  
23 and Responses, states, "A party who has made a disclosure under Rule 26(a)—or who  
24 has responded to an interrogatory, request for production, or request for admission - must  
25 supplement or correct its disclosure or response: (A) in a timely manner if the party  
26 learns that in some material respect the disclosure or response is incomplete or incorrect,  
27 and if the additional or corrective information has not otherwise been made known to the  
28 other parties during the discovery process or in writing . . ." Plaintiff was served with a

1 Request to Produce her physicians names and contact information on October 31, 2013.  
2 Plaintiff did not object and replied, although late, on January 14, 2014. She now remains  
3 intransigent in her refusal to turn over a witness's name.

4 This Court has repeatedly informed Plaintiff that her medical records were  
5 discoverable because she has placed her mental health at issue. Doc 75, 78, 80, 92, 97,  
6 112, 125, 129, 153. This Court previously sanctioned Plaintiff \$750.00 for failing to  
7 cooperate in the discovery process and admonished her about further sanctions. Doc  
8 166. It does not matter. Throughout this case Plaintiff has continually thumbed her nose  
9 to this Court and to the District Court. Not only does she refuse to comply with the  
10 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or the Local Rules, she is now arguing they are  
11 frivolous.

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13 **V. RULE 37(c) SANCTIONS COMPEL THE PRECLUSION OF PLAINTIFF'S**  
14 **CLAIMS OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS AND PTSD**

15 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure, Rule 37(c) (1), entitled Failure to Disclose or  
16 Supplement states clearly, “[i]f a party fails to provide information or identify a witness  
17 as required by Rule 26(a) or (e), the party is not allowed to use that information or  
18 witness to supply evidence on a motion, at a hearing, or at a trial . . .” Plaintiff offers no  
19 legal authority for her intransigence, she simply refuses. Further, Plaintiff's actions are  
20 in no way harmless to the Defense. She is denying the Defense the name and contact  
21 information of a treating physician she plans on calling at trial. That denial is the exact  
22 reason for Rule 37(c). This court should enforce the sanction that is outlined in that  
23 Rule.

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1     **VI. CONCLUSION**

2       For the foregoing reasons, Defendants respectfully request that their Motion to  
3   Preclude Evidence of Emotional Distress be GRANTED, and that sanctions for costs and  
4   attorney's fees for the filing on this motion be awarded in the amount of \$ 2,587.50.  
5   Defendants further request the court again consider it's stayed decision on sanctions  
6   from its December 3, 2014, order and impose the sanction request contained in that  
7   motion. Defendants' also request that the court advise Plaintiff that continued failure to  
8   cooperate in the future could result in an additional sanctions up to and including a  
9   dismissal of her actions.

10      DATED:    March 24, 2015

11                   Respectfully submitted,

12                   **MICHAEL N. FEUER**, City Attorney  
13                   **THOMAS H. PETERS**, Chief Assistant City Attorney  
14                   **CORY M. BRENT**, Supv. Assistant City Attorney

15                   By: *S/Elizabeth Greenwood*  
16                   **ELIZABETH GREENWOOD**, Deputy City Attorney  
17                   Attorneys for City Defendants

DECLARATION OF ELIZABETH L. GREENWOOD

## **DECLARATION OF ELIZABETH GREENWOOD**

I, Elizabeth Greenwood, if called to testify, could and would swear to the following facts of my own personal knowledge.

5 1. I am a Deputy City Attorney with the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office,  
6 currently assigned to the Police Litigation Section. I am the attorney of record for  
7 Defendants Los Angeles Police Department, Michael Brausam, Ronald Crump, Jason De  
8 La Cova, Derrick Dominguez, Pete Echavarria, Horace Frank, Larry Guillen, Kevin  
9 Montgomery, Javier Navarro, Derrick Prude, Jorge Rodriguez, Donald Schwartzer, Alex  
10 Vargas, and Andrew Vergara Jr. in the case of *Nadine Hays v. Los Angeles Police*  
11 *Department, et al.*, Case No. CV12-10219 DMG (PJW).

12 2. Attached hereto as Exhibit "1" is a true and correct copy of the letter setting a date  
13 and time for a meet and confer and Plaintiff's email in response.

14 3. Attached hereto as Exhibit 2 is a true and correct copy of the letter and email  
15 regarding the Joint Stipulation for a Motion to Compel.

I declare under the penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of California, the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed March 24, 2015 at Los Angeles, California.

By: S/Elizabeth Greenwood  
ELIZABETH GREENWOOD, Declarant

# EXHIBIT 1



Elizabeth Greenwood <elizabeth.greenwood@lacity.org>

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## RE: Your failure to participate in discovery

1 message

**Nadine Hays** <nadinehays@aol.com>

Fri, Feb 27, 2015 at 2:03 PM

To: Elizabeth Greenwood <elizabeth.greenwood@lacity.org>

Cc: Lisa Garner <l Garner@gordonrees.com>, Hilary Feybush <hfeybush@gordonrees.com>, Kelly Heaton <kelly.heaton@lacity.org>

I cannot make your meet and confer meeting.

**From:** Elizabeth Greenwood [mailto:elizabeth.greenwood@lacity.org]

**Sent:** Thursday, February 26, 2015 1:11 PM

**To:** Nadine Hays

**Cc:** Lisa Garner; Hilary Feybush; Kelly Heaton

**Subject:** Your failure to participate in discovery

Ms. Hays,

Please see the attached correspondence.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Greenwood

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City Attorney  
February 5, 2015

VIA U.S. MAIL AND E-Mail

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Camarillo, CA 93010  
[NadineHays@aol.com](mailto:NadineHays@aol.com)

*Re: Nadine Hays v. Los Angeles Police Department, et al Case No.: CV12-10219 DMG (PJW)*

Mrs. Hays,

In a recent email you indicated that you were currently seeing a psychiatrist. When I asked his or her name you have repeatedly refused to give it to me, instead choosing to attempt to discuss and attack personal details about me. I am not a party to this case.

This case involves your arrests in 2012 and your claim for damages. You have been repeatedly told that we have a right to your medical information. Further, in response to written discovery you were asked about your medical history and treating physicians. You did not object to the question and provided answers. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26 (e) you are mandated to supplement your discovery responses. You have repeatedly refused to do that.

Because of your refusal to participate in the discovery process the Defendants will be filing a motion to compel the information pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure, Rule 37, and seeking the costs of filing that motion from you. In an effort to avoid spending the time and money required to file the motion I have set a meet and confer for Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 2:00 in my office at 200 N. Main, 600 CHE, Los Angeles California 90012. If that date or time does not work for you I am also available on March 4, 2015 at 11:00 or at 2:00.

I trust you will rectify this situation. But if not, I will see you next week.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth Greenwood".

Elizabeth Greenwood  
Deputy City Attorney

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## EXHIBIT 2



Elizabeth Greenwood <elizabeth.greenwood@lacity.org>

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## RE: Motion to Compel your Psychiatrist's Name

1 message

**Nadine Hays** <nadinehays@aol.com>  
To: Elizabeth Greenwood <elizabeth.greenwood@lacity.org>

Fri, Feb 27, 2015 at 6:02 PM

This seems to be a very one-sided case and unfortunately I am seeing that even the Court is on yours. I'm certain that you have the Civil Minutes dated 2/23/15, where the Court refuses to impose sanctions on you for your unprofessional conduct. I was really blown away when the following statement was made on page 2: During the brief instances during which Defendants' counsel leaned over to say something to Frank during the deposition, *it appeared to be in regards to questions unrelated to the issues in this litigation*. You don't have relationships with any of Walsh's clerks, do you?

A great example of the prejudice I have been subjected to includes:

1. Not receiving transcripts from Otero's courtroom when you did your trial. Did you have any input on this?
2. Being attacked by the U.S. Marshall in the Main Street security area. Did you have any input on this?
3. Being accused of recording the trial. I know you were the one that instigated this.
4. Being promised to see my medical records first before anyone else, and then getting them the day the doctor was deposed instead?
5. Insisting that it was to doctor's policy to not have the recorders on during the IME when it was strictly your own way of making life difficult for me...and the judge believed you!
6. By keeping my own medical records away from me when detained in the MDC.
7. By refusing to allow me to walk through the MDC, talk with Alan Boldman, etc. when this is critical discovery that is supposed to be allowed.
8. By objecting to every question I made of Commander Frank to the point that I was triggered and ended the deposition in disgust. I mentally could not take it any longer.

The above are just a few examples.

I don't think it is professional conduct that I should make a motion for all of the times you don't do what you are supposed to do and when you do do things you aren't supposed to.

I have too many things on my plate right now than to deal with your games.

EXHIBIT 2

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?ui=2&ik=a2d2b19dac&view=pt&cat=HAYS&search=cat&th=14bcdeb3ad727dd&siml=14bcdeb3ad727dd>

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You know what you need to do to find out who my psychiatrist is. I do not want you to talk with him unless I am present and a deposition is being conducted. You have already unethically spoken with Dr. Guy and who knows who else at Kaiser Permanente. Any more attempts will motivate me to once again ask for sanctions.

Have a wonderful weekend and please do not bother me any more with trivialities. I am working on my FAC and these interruptions are very bad for me.

Oh...sorry I got tangential and probably missed the point of your e-mail on why I don't want to give you the name of my psychiatrist.

1. You have spoken unethically with my doctor that you were in the process of deposing.
2. You have unethically coached my doctor that you were in the process of deposing.
3. You have promised to give me information and then you don't keep your promise.
4. I am tired of being the nice guy and getting nothing but dirt from you, Feybush, and Garner.
5. You can get the information you need without bothering me.

If you make a motion for the name of my doctor, I hope Judge Walsh can see that this is harassment. If Judge Walsh rules in your favor, then I know there is collusion. You don't need for me to tell you the name. There are other ways for you to find out.

If you make any more threats, I will simply ignore them and not even respond back.

Your e-mails to me are meant to distract, take up my time, and are unnecessary. If you do this one more time I will make a motion for sanctions once again. At least this will all be on the record in case there is an appeal.

Sincerely,

Nadine Hays

P.S. If you do make a motion, please include the entire contents of this e-mail so nothing is taken out of context. Thanks.

**From:** Elizabeth Greenwood [mailto:[elizabeth.greenwood@lacity.org](mailto:elizabeth.greenwood@lacity.org)]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 27, 2015 4:01 PM  
**To:** Nadine Hays  
**Cc:** Hilary Feybush; Lisa Garner; Kelly Heaton  
**Subject:** Motion to Compel your Psychiatrist's Name

Please see attached documents. Please note, if I do not have your responses by next Friday, I will be forced to tell the Court that you failed to cooperate in this process.

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Elizabeth Greenwood <elizabeth.greenwood@lacity.org>

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## Motion to Compel your Psychiatrist's Name

1 message

**Elizabeth Greenwood** <elizabeth.greenwood@lacity.org>

Fri, Feb 27, 2015 at 4:00 PM

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Cc: Hilary Feybush <hfeybush@gordonrees.com>, Lisa Garner <lgarner@gordonrees.com>, Kelly Heaton <kelly.heaton@lacity.org>

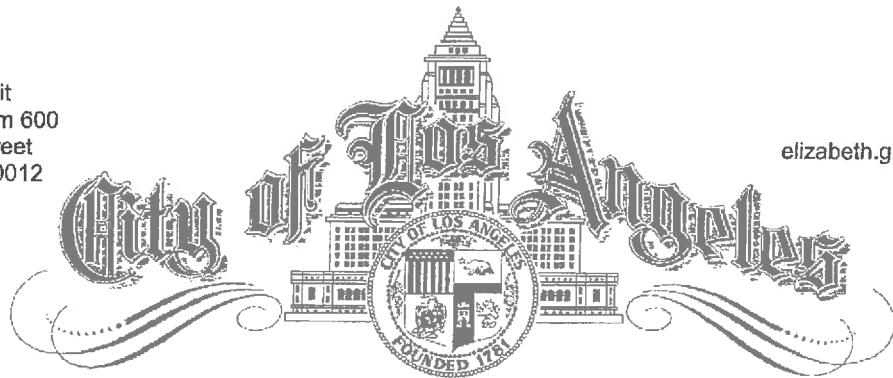
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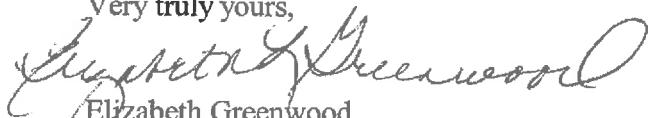
*Re: Nadine Hays v. Los Angeles Police Department, et al Case No.: CV12-10219 DMG (PJW)*

Mrs. Hays,

On March 10, 2015 we will be filing a Motion to Compel your disclosure of your treating psychiatrist pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure Rule 37. Prior to that filing we need to meet and confer. I previously scheduled a meet and confer and you replied that you would not be coming to the meeting.

Pursuant to Local Rule 37-2 we must draft and file a Joint Stipulation. I have drafted the defense portion of that Joint Stipulation and it is attached here. Pursuant to Local Rule 37-2.2 you are required to provide me with the defense your portion of the Joint Stipulation no later than Friday, March 6, 2015.

Very truly yours,



Elizabeth Greenwood  
Deputy City Attorney

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30 **LOCAL RULE 37 JOINT STIPULATION**  
31 **RE: DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO**  
32 **COMPEL DEPOSITION TESTIMONY**

33 [Declaration of Elizabeth Greenwood filed  
concurrently,]

34 Date:

35 Time:

36 Place:

1 **TO THE HONORABLE MAGISTRATE JUDGE JOHN E. McDERMOTT:**

2 Pursuant to Local Rule 27, the parties hereby submit the following stipulation in  
3 connection with Defendants' Motion to Compel Plaintiff NADINE HAYS to answer the  
4 previously propounded Interrogatories.

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6 **JOINT STIPULATION RE: DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO COMPEL PLAINTIFF'S**  
7 **ANSWERS TO DEFENDANTS' INTERROGATORIES**

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9 **I. DEFENDANTS' INTRODUCTION AND STATEMENT OF FACTS**

10 Plaintiff brings this action alleging, *inter alia*, that the Los Angeles Police  
11 Department and specific members have conspired to arrest her and violate her  
12 constitutional rights in an effort to prevent her from discussing the pretrial housing of  
13 Bradley Manning in solitary confinement. Plaintiff has named Los Angeles Police  
14 Department, Michael Brausam, Ronald Crump, Jason De La Cova, Derrick Dominguez,  
15 Pete Echavarria, Horace Frank, Larry Guillen, Kevin Montgomery, Javier Navarro,  
16 Derrick Prude, Jorge Rodriguez, Donald Schwartzer, Alex Vargas, and Andrew Vergara  
17 Jr. as defendants in the case. On October 31, 2013 Defendants properly served on  
18 Plaintiff their First Set of Interrogatories. Significantly past the deadline, Plaintiff  
19 mailed her responses to Defendants on January 13, 2014. *Greenwood Decl.*, ¶ \_\_\_\_.

20 On May 5, 2014, discovery cut off. Plaintiff randomly emailed defense counsel  
21 asking if the report from her IME had been received because she needed to know if she  
22 needed to retain a forensic expert or just use her current psychiatrist. Since over a year  
23 has passed since her answers to the Interrogatories, defense counsel inquired about the  
24 name of her psychiatrist. Instead of responding with her physician's name, Plaintiff  
25 demanded to know the name of defense counsel's psychiatrist and after, a soliloquy  
26 about people with high moral standards, opined that she needed one. When counsel  
27 again asked Plaintiff responded that defense counsel needed to ask "the proper way" and  
28 only then Plaintiff "may respond." When defense counsel pointed out that Pursuant to

1 FRCP, Rule 26(e) she was required to supplement discovery and asked again plaintiff  
2 stopped responding.

3 On February 26, 2015, defense counsel drafted and sent Plaintiff a meet and confer  
4 letter regarding her refusal to participate in the discovery process and disclose the name  
5 of her psychiatrist. Pursuant to FRCP, Rule 37, I set a meet and confer date and time  
6 with additional possibilities if that did not work. On February 27, 2015, Plaintiff replied  
7 that she, "cannot make your meet and confer meeting." In responding to that email, I  
8 again asked the name of her psychiatrist. Plaintiff has not responded.

9 This Court has repeatedly ordered Plaintiff to turn over medical information and  
10 submit to medical exams because she has placed her mental health at issue in this case.  
11 Plaintiff's actions have repeatedly unfairly disadvantaged the defense by depriving it of  
12 necessary discovery and unfairly cost the Defendants tens of thousands of dollars in  
13 costs and fees. Plaintiff's repeated refusal to cooperate in the discovery process appears  
14 to be nothing more than an attempt to manipulate the proceedings to the Defendants'  
15 detriment.

16 Because Plaintiff has failed to justify her conduct, and her refusal to comply  
17 with the supplemental discovery requirements required by the Federal Rule  
18 of Civil Procedure, Rule 26(e) deprived Defendants of necessary evidence to prepare for  
19 trial, the Court should issue an order compelling Plaintiff to disclose the name and  
20 treatment dates of her psychiatrist. In addition, Plaintiff should be required to pay  
21 reasonable costs and fees incurred by the defense in compelling discovery under Rule 37.

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23 **II. PLAINTIFF'S INTRODUCTION AND STATEMENT OF FACTS**

24 ***A. Introductory Statement by the Pro Se Plaintiff:***

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1 **III. DEFENDANTS' CONTENTIONS**

2 **A. Defendants Are Entitled to Plaintiff's Deposition**

3 There is no question that Defendants are entitled to the name and address  
4 of Plaintiff's treating psychiatrist as set forth in Fed. R. Civ. Proc. 34. "An important  
5 purpose of discovery is to reveal what evidence the opposing party has, thereby helping  
6 determine which facts are undisputed -- perhaps -- paving the way for a summary  
7 judgment motion -- and which facts must be resolved at trial." *Computer Task Group, Inc. v. Broby*, 364 F.3d 1112, 1117 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2004).

8 **B. Plaintiff's Refusal to Testify Is Not Justified and Merits Sanctions**

9 Plaintiff's refusal to supplement her answers to Interrogatories, and refusing to  
10 meet and confer on the matter is petulant and unfair to the Defendants.

11 The fact that Plaintiff is proceeding *pro se* is not enough to spare her case from  
12 discovery sanctions, including dismissal; all litigants, including those proceeding *pro se*,  
13 have obligation to comply with court orders, and when they flout that obligation they,  
14 like all litigants, must suffer consequences of their actions. *Mathews v U.S. Shoe Corp.*,  
15 176 F.R.D. 442 (WD NY 1997); *Watkins v. Payless Shoesource, Inc.* 174 F.R.D. 113  
16 (MD FLA 1997).

17 Rule 37(a)(5) provides that the party who prevails on a motion to compel is  
18 entitled to his or her expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, unless the losing  
19 party was substantially justified in making or opposing the motion. Furthermore, Rule  
20 37(d)(3) provides that in either in addition to or instead of the sanction available under  
21 Rule 37(b)(2)(A)(i)-(vi) "the court must require the party failing to act, the attorney  
22 advising that party, or both to pay the reasonable expenses, including attorney's fees,  
23 caused by the failure, unless the failure was substantially justified or the circumstances  
24 make an award of expenses unjust."

25 Plaintiff has, without legal justification, refused to disclose the name of her  
26 treating psychiatrist, necessitating a motion to compel to obtain the information.  
27 Plaintiff must be required to pay Defendants \$1,400.00 for their reasonable expenses and

1 attorney's fees to date in compelling her responses. *Greenwood Decl.*, ¶ \_\_\_\_.

2 **IV. PLAINTIFF'S CONTENTIONS**

3 ***A. The Plaintiff's Contentions and Points and Authorities***

4 DATED:

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